

MALAYSIA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Aug 1969	Ordinance No. 7	12nm	
	Oct 1996	Declaration upon ratification of LOS Convention		Prior authorization requirement for nuclear powered vessels or vessels carrying nuclear material to enter the territorial sea. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1997 and conducted operational assertions in FY 2013 and 2014.
	Jun 2012	Territorial Sea Act, No. 750	12nm	
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Aug 1969	Ordinance No. 7		Enabling legislation for straight baselines.
	Dec 2006	Baselines of Maritime Zones Act, No. 660		Enabling legislation for straight baselines. Supersedes any earlier laws which are inconsistent with this law.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	May 1966 1972	Continental Shelf Act, No. 57 as amended by Act No.8 (1972)	1958 DEF	"[S]ea-bed and subsoil of submarine areas ...beyond the limits of the territorial waters of the States, the surface of which lies at a depth no greater than two hundred meters below the surface of the sea...."
	1984	Exclusive Economic Zone Act, No. 311		Incorporates 1966 Continental Shelf Act by reference.
	Mar 2009	Exchange of Letters	200nm	Between Brunei and Malaysia.
	May 2009	ECS Submission		Joint ECS submission by Malaysia and Vietnam. <i>Note:</i> The CLCS has not made its recommendations.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	1984	Exclusive Economic Zone Act, No. 311	200nm	EEZ.
	Oct 1996	Declaration upon ratification of LOS Convention		Claims that other States may not carry out military exercises or maneuvers, in particular those involving the use of weapons or explosives, in the EEZ without the coastal State's consent. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested requirement in CY 1998 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1998 through 2003 and 2014.
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Feb 1975	Agreement with Indonesia and Singapore		Joint Council established with Indonesia and Singapore on Navigation Safety and Pollution in Straits of Malacca; traffic separation schemes adopted.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	1927	Agreement		Territorial sea boundary agreement with Singapore regarding Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	Sep 1958	Orders in Council No. 1517 and No. 1518		Territorial sea and continental shelf boundaries established by the British between Malaysia (North Borneo, No. 1517 and Sarawak, No. 1518) and Brunei.
	Nov 1969	Agreement		Agreement with Indonesia on the delimitation of the continental shelf (Straits of Malacca and South China Sea) EIF; signed Oct 1969. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 1 for U.S. analysis and chart.
	Mar 1971	Treaty		Treaty with Indonesia on the delimitation of the territorial seas in the Strait of Malacca EIF; signed Mar 1970. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 50 for text of treaty, U.S. analysis, and chart.
	Jul 1973	Agreement		Agreement with Indonesia and Thailand on the delimitation of the continental shelf boundaries in the Northern part of the Straits of Malacca EIF; signed Dec 1971. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 81 for text of agreement, U.S. analysis, and chart.
	Jul 1982	Treaty		Territorial sea boundary agreement with Thailand EIF; signed Oct 1979.
	Jul 1982	Memorandum of Understanding		Memorandum of Understanding with Thailand on the delimitation of the continental shelf boundary in the Gulf of Thailand EIF; signed Oct 1979.
	1995	Agreement		Agreement with Singapore to delimit the territorial waters boundary in accordance with the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters Agreement 1927.
	Oct 1996	Declaration upon ratification of LOS Convention		Declares median-line boundary in the absence of express agreement for delimitation of the EEZ, CS, or other maritime zones.
	Dec 2002	ICJ Judgment		ICJ Judgment in the case of Indonesia v. Malaysia (Sovereignty over Pulau Ligitan and Pulau Sipadan) : Malaysia awarded sovereignty of Pulau Ligitan and Pulau Sipadan; Malaysia and Indonesia ordered to define maritime boundaries in this area.
	Apr 2005	Agreement , p. 30		Settlement agreement regarding the Case concerning Land Reclamation by Singapore in and around the Straits of Johor (Malaysia v Singapore).

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	May 2008	ICJ Judgment		ICJ Judgment Malaysia v. Singapore (Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge): Singapore awarded sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh; Malaysia awarded sovereignty over Middle Rocks; sovereignty over South Ledge awarded to the State in the territorial waters of which it is located.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Aug 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Oct 1996			Ratified Convention, with Declaration regarding prior consent (noted above); and that any archaeological or historical objects found within its maritime areas shall not be removed without its prior notification and consent.
				Bound by Part XI Agreement.